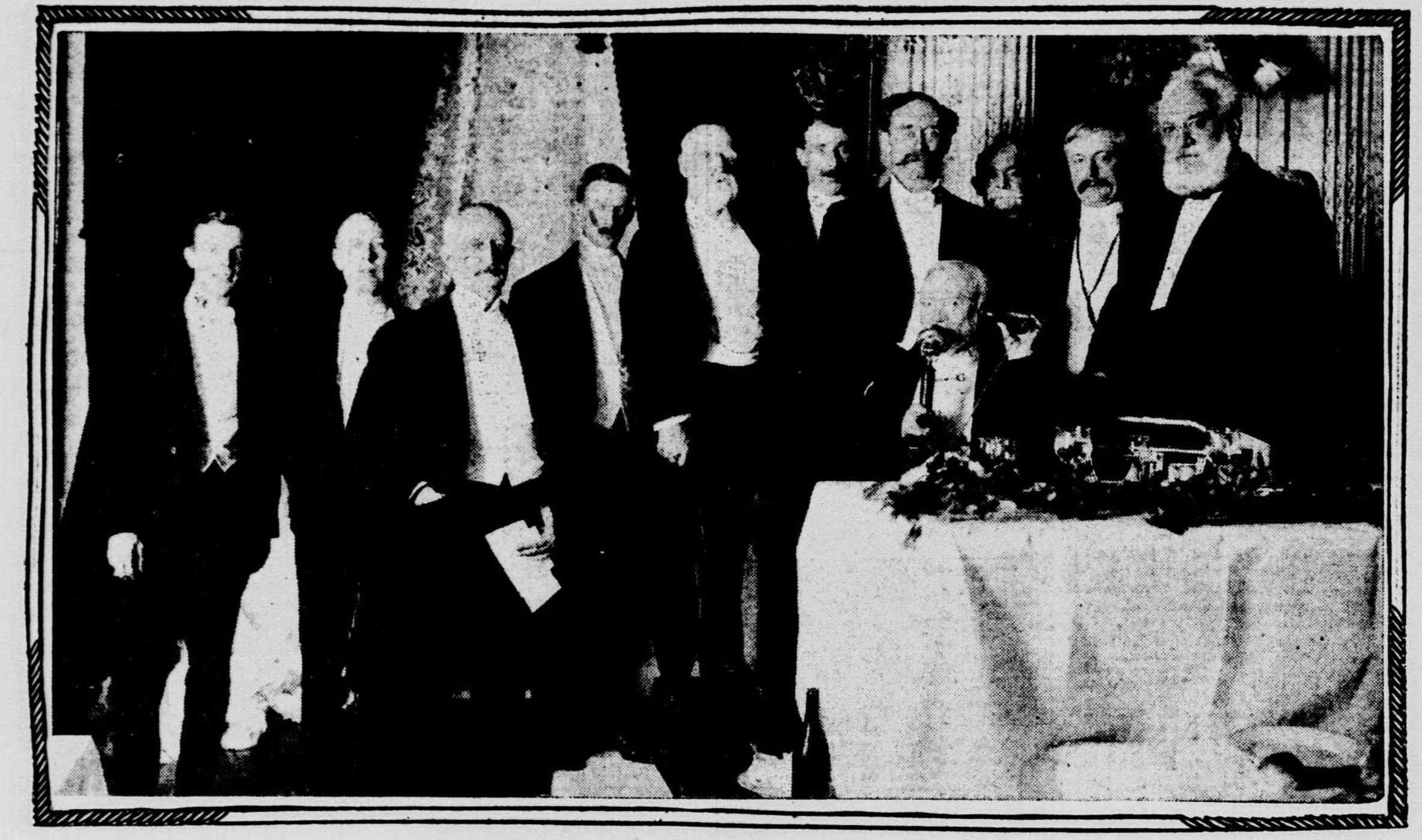


PROMINENT MEN AT THE DINNER GIVEN IN HONOR OF COMMANDER PEARY



At the dinner given in New York by the New York Times to the directors of the Associated Press, December 15, the telephone played a most important part in the evening's entertainment. The New York Telephone Company had installed special telephone apparatus with a telephone receiver at each plate at the banquet table.

Early in the evening these receivers were connected with a circuit going to the Metropolitan Opera House, from which point Caruso, Slezak and other noted artists entertained the eighty guests, who, with the receivers at their ears, leaned back and enjoyed the music. At 10:30 a special circuit was made to Washington, and Commander Peary, signed by the Western Electric Company. The above picture shows Andrew Carnegie transmitting his speech over the wire to New York, and he is surrounded by the following:

From left to right—O. R. Graham, C. T. Clagett, Gen. Hubbard, Gilbert Grosvenor, Ambassador Bryce, Capt. Bartlett, Commander Peary, Andrew Carnegie (at the telephone), Admiral Chester, Willis L. Moore and Alexander Graham Bell.

JOHNNIE POE A GENERAL

COMMANDED ONE-GUN BATTERY IN HONDURAS.

Former Princeton Halfback Has Strenuous Time—Rescued by American Gunboat.

From a friend of Johnnie Poe, one of the greatest halfbacks that Princeton ever boasted, the State Department today learned that the adventurous collegian had undergone a strenuous time in Honduras, but had been rescued by an American gunboat. The friend wrote that Poe, who was a general in command of a one-gun battery, struck for the coast when things began to look black with peace and there was little to do. He found the American war vessel, and promptly asked for transportation home. "Sure," said the commander. "We'll be glad to have you. Come aboard when you want. We'll probably lay up here for two or three days."

"Thank you, old man," said the former foot ball star, warmly. "I'll be aboard before you say."

"Bring your luggage," said the captain, warning. "If it isn't too elaborate I'll be glad to give it room."

"Thank you again!" said Poe. "I'll sure do that. I have only fifty-four pieces."

"What?" exclaimed the commander, springing from his chair. "I'm not running a freighter!"

"Oh, well, don't get excited," pursued Poe. "My fifty-four pieces consist of one pair of socks and a pack of playing cards."

According to the story reaching the State Department, the foot ball hero was landed safely in New York.

GOLDEN CROSS OFFICERS.

Annual Elections in Local Commanderies.

The following officers of the United Order of the Golden Cross have been elected for the next year:

Golden Commandery—Noble commander, Samuel Bricker; vice noble commander, T. E. Andre; worthy prelate, Agnes Kilmer; keeper of records, Annie C. Allen; financial keeper of records, J. W. Vanzant; treasurer, Maggie Vanzant; worthy herald, Laura Bradley; warden inner gate, Mary C. Jones.

Goodwill Commandery—Noble commander, Nelson Conover; vice noble commander, Mrs. John B. Henderson.

Flatulent Eructations and Offensive Breath

Render Many People Obnoxious to Others, and Cause Them to Be Shunned.

The eructation or belching of gas from the stomach is a very common circumstance, and may depend in some cases upon the nature of the food ingested, without the existence of any derangement of health. In cases of extreme flatulence, the eructation of large quantities of gas may take place, forming a source of considerable inconvenience and frequent annoyance, although affording some relief to the feeling of distension that exists in the stomach.

Sometimes the gas discharged is of a fetid character—may be so foul, indeed, as to render the unfortunate person's presence almost unbearable to others. Owing to imperfect secretion, or to a defective state of the gastric juice, putrefactive changes may place among the contents of the stomach, and as the result sulphuretted hydrogen and other such foul gases are evolved. Hence the eructations or belchings present the offensive odor of decayed animal and vegetable matter, and the victim of this deplorable condition usually has a continuous bad breath, which is so disagreeable as to cause them to be shunned by their friends.

The medical profession invariably prescribes and recommends the use of charcoal for the correction and cure of this condition, which has often been the means of causing people to avoid social intercourse, and the pleasures of the way take place, forming a source of considerable inconvenience and frequent annoyance, although affording some relief to the feeling of distension that exists in the stomach.

DOUGTRIDGE'S CLOSE CALL.

Cook of the Dredge Ancon Has Remarkable Escape From Death.

Sidney Doutridge, cook on the ill-fated dredge Ancon, who was saved when the vessel sank off Cape Hatteras a few days ago, was for some time employed on the vessel when the storm caught her and she sank, drowning five of her crew. The dredge was valued at several hundred thousand dollars and was over a year in process of construction. Although fully a dozen tugs, dredges and other craft have gone from Baltimore to the Canal Zone, several to the Pacific side of the isthmus, the dredge Ancon is the first to meet with disaster.

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BY WILLIAM E. CURTIS. Writes for The Star and the Chicago Record-Herald.

In his recent message to Congress President Taft calls attention to the boom in Turkey and says that the change of government and the progressive modern policy of reform and public improvements adopted there have created unusual and unprecedented opportunities for business enterprises. He says, too, that "the prestige of the United States has spread widely through the peaceful influences of American schools, universities and missionaries, and there is every reason why we should obtain a greater share of the commerce of the near east, since the conditions are more favorable now than ever before."

REFORMERS' WORK OVER

NATIONAL CONCLAVE COMPLETES BUSINESS; ADJOURNS.

Reception Yesterday Afternoon Given by Mrs. John B. Henderson.

After nearly a week of hard work the delegates to the Reformers' Conclave left Washington for their homes in various parts of the country today. The reception at the Castle by Mrs. John B. Henderson was the closing feature of the conference. Mrs. Henderson received the delegates as they arrived, and a pleasant two hours was spent, during which a collation was served.

Those present were Miss Marie C. Breckinridge, Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts, Senator and Mrs. P. J. McCumber, of North Dakota, Lyman F. Keble, head of the drug laboratory, bureau of chemistry, and Mrs. Keble; J. B. Lewis of Boston, Gen. A. S. Daggett, Mrs. Emma Bourne, president of the New Jersey W. C. T. U.; Dr. G. K. Benton of Chester, W. Va.; Dr. H. Kress of the Washington Sanatorium; Matthew E. O'Brien of Washington, Rev. George W. Peck of Bayshore, Rev. O. R. McKim of New York, Rev. R. C. Miller of Hartford, Conn.; S. Winans of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Le Drot Barber of Washington, Miss Della Smallwood of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shelton of Washington.

Evils of Strong Drink.

At a conference held earlier in the evening Mrs. Carrie Nation made an address on the evils of drink. "The fight against the liquor evil," she said, "is a mean, dirty and dangerous fight. How are you going to abolish the saloons? That question has not been answered here. The republican and democratic parties both demand the perpetuation of the saloon. If all the preachers in the country are opposed to the saloon, but voted either the republican or democratic ticket, the saloons would still be kept in, and if drunkards were all to be prohibited, ticket saloons would be abolished. When you go home from here try to get all the votes for the prohibition party you can, because the prohibition party is the hatchet that will destroy the saloons."

Imports of Constantinople.

The annual imports of Constantinople alone have been nearly \$150,000,000 a year, and are increasing very rapidly; but the share of the United States has been about 2 per cent, which is due to the lack of facilities for shipping goods. Until the Greeks started their line everything has gone by way of Liverpool, London, Marseilles, Genoa, Naples and some other ports, and on account of the long delay and the damage done to the packages before reaching Constantinople.

STEAMER LINE TO TURKEY.

It is gratifying to know that, through the influence of Special Agent Allen L. Brode of the bureau of manufactures, the Hellenic Steam Navigation Company has established regular monthly communication direct between New York and Turkish ports.

Electric Supplies in Smyrna.

"One Smyrna firm informed me," he said, "that an attempt had been made to get the agency of an American electrical supply firm. The reply was that unless half a million dollars' worth of business could be done the first year, it would not suit to enter the field. A German agency was then secured, which was willing the first year to install an electric plant costing \$15,000. Today the two largest electrical companies in Berlin are ably represented in Smyrna. They began several years ago by accepting every proposition whether large or small. Just now, when all restrictions against the importation of electrical appliances into Asia Minor have been removed, and a great tidal wave of electrification, so to speak, is passing over the country, it is not difficult to prophesy who will get not only the large concessions for trams and lighting in the cities, but the trade attendant upon supplying all the necessary wires, machines, apparatus, etc., as well. If that American firm had been willing to make a small beginning a few years ago, it would now be in a position to get a big share of the trade. As it is, not a single American electrical establishment is represented in Smyrna."

The Garden of Eden.

The Turkish government has comprehensive schemes for the reclamation of the desert of Mesopotamia, where Adam and Eve lived in an orchard at one time, and the man who laid out the great irrigation system of Egypt and built the Assouan dam has reported a plan for restoring the irrigating ditches in the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which will make it possible to cultivate millions of acres of land which have lain idle for fifteen or eighteen hundred years. It is proposed to induce immigration from Italy, Poland and other crowded parts of Europe by offering farms to those who will occupy and cultivate them. But I will leave that subject for another letter.

Railway Construction Planned.

The Anatolian railway, which extends from the shores of the Bosphorus southward to the city of Konla and from thence eastward to the borders of Kurdistan, is to be extended also. Several other railways have been planned and it is reported that a group of American capitalists represented by J. G. White, Co., well known contractors of New York, have obtained a concession for 1,243 miles of railway from Sivas to the Persian frontier via Harput, Arghana, Diarbekir, Hama and Van, and also a line with an outlet to the Mediterranean on the Gulf of Alexandretta, where modern construction docks and apparatus for loading and unloading are being constructed. It is understood that the Turkish government will guarantee 4 per cent interest on the construction and give the syndicate a right to exploit mines and oil fields within a zone of twelve and a half miles on each side of the track.

Confidence in Turkey.

The enterprise of the Turkish government is shown in every direction, and it has the confidence of financial leaders of Europe, which was indicated in October last, when a 4 per cent loan of \$20,000,000 was floated in France and England at 98. These were the best terms ever offered for Turkish bonds, and the commission which has supervision of the Ottoman foreign debt is much encouraged by that fact. Every source of revenue has shown increase, and it is being more honestly collected than ever before. Under the present sultan every collector of taxes was required to send to the treasury a certain amount of money, and few cheats were asked as to the sources from which he obtained it. He put the rest in his own pocket or shared it with his favorites. This system has been stopped, and it is believed that the legitimate revenues of the government are now regularly collected.

Development of Resources.

Additional sources of revenue will be furnished with the development of vast areas in the empire, which have remained uncultivated for more than a thousand years because there was no way to get their products to market. There are mineral deposits of great value lying idle, enormous tracts of forests filled with valuable woods; oil and gas fields, which will flourish as soon as the irrigation systems are restored. The promise of prosperity and the expansion of commerce and industry is illustrated most plainly by the number of banks that are being established in Constantinople.

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SCHOOLS ARE CROWDED.

Rhode Island Avenue Suburbanites Discuss Matters at Meeting.

At a meeting of the Rhode Island Avenue Suburbanites Association last night in Odd Fellows' Hall, 20th street and Rhode Island avenue northeast, attention was directed to the crowded condition of some of the graded classes in the Langdon School. After discussing the matter it was referred to the committee on schools for investigation and report.

The committee on lights and mails recommended that the Commissioners be requested to place a gas lamp in front of Odd Fellows' Hall.

The committee on streets and sidewalks recommended the grading of Irving street, from 13th street to 17th street northeast. The committee also recommended that a request be made to have the dirt taken from the east side intersecting sewer, through the shaft to be sunk near Jackson street, deposited at the intersection of Jackson and 20th streets.

The committee appointed to confer with the eastern associations in connection with the action taken by the special committee reported that through an error on the part of the stenographer, the association took no action toward endorsing the District of Columbia Good Roads Association.

The attention of the association was directed to the poor condition of the lights of the action taken by the special committee appointed to urge his reappointment.

A. Hitt, Rev. W. J. D. Thomas and Clarence E. Snell were elected to membership in the association.

Bridegroom Killed in Fall.

SUFFOLK, Va., December 18.—As the result of injuries received by falling from a moving passenger train on the Atlantic Coast Line Wednesday James R. Jones of Whaleyville, Va., is dead at the Suffolk Hospital. His skull was broken against a rail. Jones, whose age was twenty-seven years, was a bridegroom of a few months.

Child Dies From Screw in Its Throat.

CUMBERLAND, Md., December 18.—A child, eight months old, of Mr. Joseph W. Darr of Rockwood, died from the effects of swallowing a screw that it picked up off the floor. It lodged in the throat and before it could be extracted the child died. The father is a Baltimore and Ohio brakeman.

Miss Corinne M. Mays of Nelson County, Va., was married to George L. Loving, a farmer of Nelson county.

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